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FROM: Kika de la Garza, M C

WASHINGTON, D C -- The U S Department of Agriculture notified Rep Kika de la Garza today about approval of two watershed projects in Starr and Jim Hogg Counties, sites of widespread flooding in the past.

Approved were Los Olmos Creek, covering 174,351 acres, and Sandria Creek with 124,549 acres, both under the jurisdiction of the Monte Mucho and Starr County Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Hebbronville and Starr County respectively, de la Garza said the Soil Conservation Service advised him.

According to the South Texas Congressman, approval of the two projects culminates more than 15 years of effort on the part of local interests and their representative in Congress.

"The area drained by these creeks has been flooded so many times -- none can forget the devastation visited on Rio Grande City by hurricane Beulah when Los Olmos Creek flooded the city," said de la Garza.

"It is good that the planning work will finally get under way after the great effort and expense undertaken by the local interests in these projects."